

## THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

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MATTER OF: Wells Marine, Inc.

## DIGEST:

Protest against alleged improprieties in RFP is untimely as § 20.2(a) of the Interim Bid Protest Procedures and Standards requires that protests based upon alleged improprieties in any type of solicitation which are apparent prior to closing date for receipt of proposals be filed prior to closing date.

This is a protest against an award of a contract made to Manufacturer's, Inc., under request for proposals (RFP) No. DAAA25-75-R-0225, issued by the United States Army, Frankford Arsenal. Wells Marine, Inc. (Wells), contends that the award was improper and that due to apparent inequities contained in the RFP, a resolicitation is required.

Under section 20.2(a) of our Interim Bid Protest Procedures and Standards, published at 4 Code of Federal Regulations, part 20, protests against alleged improprieties contained in a solicitation, apparent upon the face of the RFP, must be filed prior to the closing date for receipt of proposals. In the instant protest, Wells raises several allegations against the propriety of certain portions of the RFP, but these allegations are first being raised well after December 5, 1974, the closing date for receipt of proposals.

Accordingly, all of the allegations raised are untimely and will not be considered on their merits.

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